

Question 8 (10 marks)

To what extent has research since the end of the 1960s changed our understanding of the evidence from the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum?

In your answer, refer to Sources *F* and *G* and your own knowledge.

Research carried out since the the end of the 1960's has drastically increased and changed our understanding of evidence recovered in Pompeii and Herculaneum. Archaeologists such as the Australian hater and the controversial Mauri have shaped our understanding of the evidence recovered from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Hater was able to successfully excavate ~~statue~~ human remains as shown in source F and establish fine details of that individual in relation to gender, job, and even diet. Her research has established agriculture as a major ~~means~~ means of the economy through coin bones and establishes that higher classes enjoyed a varied diet of meats, beer, fruit and seafood. Mauri's research has ~~also~~ also changed our understanding of evidence in Pompeii. Whilst his work is often destructive and questionable his excavation of houses such as the Villa of the Papyri has changed our

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understanding on key topics such as the ~~first~~ format of Villa's and ~~the~~ religious in the excavation of various lavaria's.

Various Programs such as the British School in Rome headed by Andrew Wallace Hadrill and the work carried out by Sydney University have also changed our understanding of Pompeii and Herculaneum since the late 1960's. The British school of Rome has found - the statue a find in Pompeii revealing key facts about writing and art at the time. Similarly Sydney University have changed our understanding of the evidence extracted from Pompeii and Herculaneum their work as seen in Source C reveals that assumptions made before the 1960's are flawed and possibly wrong. Their work suggests that the Latin terms used in the society may not translate to common terms used in modern society. Sydney University also reveal that past evidence has been translated assuming "that an unchanging function has been established" which through excavation and research they have interpreted is wrong. Both individuals and ~~organisations~~ organisations ~~have~~ through research have changed our understanding since the 1960's of evidence extracted at Pompeii and Herculaneum. Our understanding will continue to change as new technology and interpretation become available.

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